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**Inquiry:** (1) Are respiratory care practitioners (RCPs) allowed to assist pulmonologists with Greenfield filter placements? From my understanding, this is a procedure typically performed in a cath lab, with cardiovascular technologists. (2) Is the practice of assisting physicians with the placement of these filters into femoral vessels within the scope of practice for RCPs, if properly trained? (3) Does it cross over into another practitioner's (cardiovascular technician) scope of practice?

**Response:** Regarding the three issues listed above, please be advised that these functions are nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act. Please refer to Sections 3701 and 3702 of the Business & Professions Code.

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